

Charge of this Province whereby the Execution of that Act has L. H. J. been retarded, and a great part of the Money although collected is still retained in the hands of the Sheriffs, and the public Creditors deprived of it, is a thing so extraordinary, and attended with so many ill Consequences to the People whom we represent, without any one good end to his Lordship that We know of, that we cannot consistent with our Duty pass it over, without complaining of it as a high Infringement of our Rights, But as We have no Room to suppose your Excellency had any Share in this matter we only mention it to you in order to pray your Concurrence in such Measures as we shall endeavour to take for remyding those ill Consequences; which Concurrence we cannot doubt of Obtaining, since you have so kindly offered it, in every thing tending to the Safety and Welfare of the Province

Our own Safety, as well as your Excellencys Recommendation, will necessarily lead us to consider what Arms and Ammunition may be necessary for our Security and to make such Provision therefore as the present Exigency may require and our Circumstances admit of and We do very sincerely assure you that nothing shall be wanting on our Part to render your Administration easy and agreeable to you, consistent with the Trust reposed in us by our Constituents.

Being prepared on Behalf of the House to be Signed by the Honourable Speaker; which being done p. 317

Ordered that William Stoughton Esq^r and M^r John Magruder acquaint his Excellency therewith, and that this House desires to know when and where he will please to receive it they return and acquaint M^r Speaker the Governor will receive it in half an Hour in the Conference Chamber

Ordered that the Address to his Excellency the Governor, be presented by M^r Speaker attended by all the Members of this House

M^r Speaker left the Chair and attended by the rest of the Members presented the Address to his Excellency

M^r Speaker and the rest of the Members returned

M^r Speaker resumed the Chair

On Motion of a Member that A Bill be brought in to enforce the Collection of the Public Money, as it was assessed and partly Collected by Virtue of an Act entituled an Act for the Assessment and Payment of the Public Charge of this Province

Leave given and Ordered that the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the Bill accordingly

And that it be an Instruction to the said Committee to insert a Clause to enable the Sheriffs whose Offices are or shall be expired before the Collection to make Completion,

M^r Magruder from the Committee of Aggrievances &c^a acquaint M^r Speaker that that Committee had made Choice of M^r Nicholas Hammond for their Clerk; the House approves the Choice